

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted at the request of Supervisory Patent Examiner Amy Nelson and puts the claims in form for allowance. Applicant respectfully submits that this Preliminary Amendment will not unduly interfere with the preparation of the first Office Action.

The present application relates to canola line 45A55. Claims 3-42 have been canceled. Applicant acknowledges the addition of new claims 43 through 61, as agreed upon as allowable. The new claims do not add new matter as there is support for the claims in the originally filed specification. In addition, Applicant has amended the specification to clarify the deposit language. A copy of the ATCC deposit receipt is included in this response. No new matter has been added. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment and approval of the changes is respectfully requested.

In conclusion, Applicant submits in light of the above amendments and remarks, the claims as amended are in a condition for allowance, and reconsideration is respectfully requested. If it is felt that it would aid in prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number indicated to discuss any outstanding issues.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Scientific Description**Depositor's Reference****Patent Deposit Designation**

Canola Seed

45A55

PTA-5684

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